PROVIDING WATER FROM GHATAPRABHA LEFT BANK CANAL TO BILGI TALUK

857. Sri K. M. GANGAL (Bilgi).—Will the Minister of State for Major Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in Bilgi taluk only the main canal of Ghataprabha left bank canal is ready and in the absence of sub-canals water for even an acre is not available ;

(b) if so, whether the Government would arrange for the construction of sub-canals immediately ;

(*c*) whether the people of Bilgi taluk would receive the benefit of this canal in coming month of June?

Sri H.N. NANJE GOWDA (Minister of State for Major Irrigation).—

(*a*) What from this canal has been provided for 3,008 acres of land for the Khariff crops of 1972 in Bilgi taluk.

(b) Arrangements have already been made to construct the sub-canals in order to provide water to the remaining atchkat area of this canal.

(*c*) It is proposed to provide water to 10,000 acres from this canal for the Khariff crops of 1973.

Calling Attention to matters of urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *Re.— Pollution of T. B. River Water.*

Sri K.B. KOLIWAD (Rannibennur):—I call the attention of the Hon Minister for Industries to the pollution of Tungabhadra River water by the effluent discharged into the river by M/s Harihar Poly Fibres Ltd.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries).—I beg to make the following statement :

1. A number of complaints against pollution by the affluents discharged into the Tungabhadra River by M/s Harihar polyfibres, Limited, have been received by the Government from the villagers.

2. The company has taken measures to treat the effluent before discharging it into the river. The bulk of the chemicals used is recovered through a recovery process, thereby reducing considerably the chemical content of the effluent. The effluent then flows to the clarifier for removal of suspended impurities. Thereafter, the effluent goes to a lagoon for natural aeration, sedimentation and anerobic digestion by adding nutrients like urea, etc. It is only after these three processes of treatment that the effluent is discharged into the river. The Company